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**Subject:** FW: Question from Health Plan Consortium, #297

The following question came up in the 7/18 O/P Health Plan Consortium meeting.

"When will changes to the OPFS occur? Will this generally be an annual process? How much pre-notification will the Health plans receive prior to the change occurring?"

Answer-Major changes to reimbursement rates will occur annually, on 10/1, beginning 10/1/2006. We always provide 30-day public notice of rate changes, and plans are notified also thru Encounter Keys. Minor corrections to tables will occur as we find they need to be made, plans can get these corrections in the updated reference tables as they are downloaded and put out to FTP site. CMS issues HCPCS code updates 3 times a year in addition to the January 1 updates, and we will add these to our systems quarterly in line with CMS (for April 1, June 1, & Oct. 1); again available on FTP as they are updated. CCI edit updates are also quarterly; we usually receive them after the beginning of the quarter so they will likely be updated end of the month of each new quarter and again will be available in the FTP reference table. Any other major changes to the system, we will notify plans via Keys, thru emails, and on websites.

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